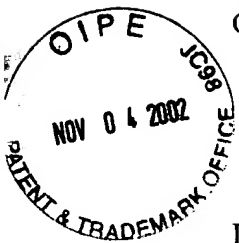


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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TESTING HEAT PUMPS**

AMENDMENT

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This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 3, 2002, having a three-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire October 3, 2002. A petition for a one-month extension of time is requested with the required fee of \$110.00 attached herewith. The following amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

1.(Amended) A test system for simultaneously testing a plurality of heat pumps, comprising:

an array of testing stations, wherein each of said testing stations includes at least one heating element attached to a first component of a heat pump and wherein each of said testing stations includes at least one sensor connected to a heat pump;

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